

**REMARKS**

In response to the Examiner's indication that claims 23-25 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, Applicants have incorporated the limitations of dependent claim 23 into independent claim 15 (thereby essentially rewriting claim 23 in independent form). Claim 23 has been canceled. Claim 24 has been amended to depend on claim 15. In addition, device claim 27 has been amended to incorporate limitations substantially similar to the limitations recited in amended claim 15.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that independent claims 15 and 27, as well as their dependent claims 16-18, 20-22, 24-26 and 28, are in allowable condition. It is therefore respectfully requested that the present application issue as early as possible.

Respectfully submitted,  
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